

REMARKS

Claims 2-12 and 14-24 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1, 13 and 25-27 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 5-7, 9-12, 14, 17-19 and 21-24 have been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-7, 9-19 and 21-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Irvin (U.S. Pat. No. 6,360,101) in view of Gustafsson (U.S. Pat. No. 6,351,647). Independent Claim 1 has been cancelled. Independent Claim 8 has been allowed. Dependent Claims 2-7 and 9-12, which ultimately depended from Claim 1, have been amended to now ultimately depend from allowed Claim 8. Thus, Applicant believes Claims 2-12 patentably distinguish over the art of record. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 13 has been cancelled. Independent Claim 20 has been allowed. Dependent Claims 14-19 and 21-24, which ultimately depended from Claim 13, have been amended to now ultimately depend from allowed Claim 20. Thus, Applicant believes Claims 14-24 patentably distinguish over the art of record. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests

that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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